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SUBJ: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: RESOLUTION ON PRESS FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES

REF: SAIGON 28490

AT JUNE 20 AFTERNOON SESSION NA DECIDED TO DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING ON DIRECTORATE TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION DEALING WITH INDIVIDUAL SECURITY AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. NA HAS NOW RELEASED TEXT OF SUCH RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 24 UNDER SIGNATURE OF CHAIRMAN PHAN KHAC SUU. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF RESOLUTION:

QUOTE. CONSIDERING THAT THE CONSTITUTION WAS PROMULGATED ON APRIL 1, 1967, AND HAS BEEN IN FORCE SINCE THAT DATE;
CONSIDERING THAT IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS BE HELD IN FREEDOM, AND FACED WITH THE NECESSITY OF CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF DEMOCRACY DURING THESE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO FRUSTRATE THE ENEMY'S DISTORTED PROPAGANDA, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

(1) REQUESTS THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH CENSORSHIP SO AS TO REALIZE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, SPEECH, PRESS AND PUBLICATION, PROVIDED THAT THE EXERCISE OF THESE RIGHTS IS NOT HARMFUL TO THE PRESTIGE OF ANY PERSON, TO SECURITY

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AND NATIONAL DEFENSE OR TO GOOD MORALE ACCORDING TO ART. 12, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION;

(2) REQUESTS THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENSURE SECURITY FOR EVERY CITIZEN AND THE RIGHT OF DEFENSE ENDOWED TO ALL, WITHIN THE LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY ART. 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION. UNQUOTE.

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